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PATENT APPLICATION



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Group Art Unit: 2826

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case.

### Remarks

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

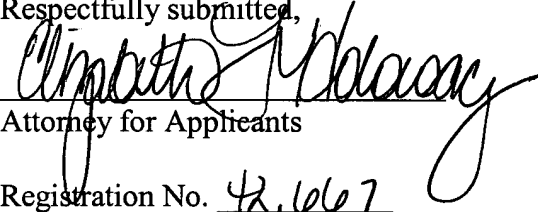
Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a liquid crystal device, classified in class 349, subclass 172; and

Group II: Claim 11, drawn to a method of producing a liquid crystal device, classified in class 257, subclass 414.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a liquid crystal device. Further, Applicants request rejoinder of the nonelected process claim 11 in the event that the elected product claims are deemed allowable under MPEP §821.04. If need be, Applicant can amend the process claims to be commensurate in scope under the broadest allowed independent product claim.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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